IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH

AT HYDERABAD

(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

TUESDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

Present:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

WRIT PETITION No.23237 OF 2003

Between:

A. Muralidhar S/o Sathyanarayana, E.304263, Conductor, APSRTC., Bheemgal Depot, Nizamabad District.

Petitioner

And

The Depot Manager, APSRTC., Bheemgal Depot, Nizamabad.

Respondent

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the suspension order No.02/95(194)/03-BMGL dated 28-10-2003 on the file of the respondent herein in suspending the petitioner as illegal, arbitrary and against the principles of natural justice and consequently direct the respondent herein to permit the petitioner to continue on duty as

conductor.

For the Petitioner: Mr.T.Bheemsen, Advocate.

For the Respondent: Mr.K.Harinath Standing Counsel for APSRTC

The Court made the following :

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ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed against the order dated 28-10-2003 in placing the petitioner under suspension, pending enquiry into the charges leveled against the petitioner.

It is stated that the charge sheet was also issued simultaneously and pursuant to the said charge sheet, the petitioner also filed his explanation. Suspension of an employee, pending enquiry is not a measure of punishment and therefore, I am not inclined to interfere with the said suspension order. But, however, having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the respondent is directed to complete the enquiry against the petitioner within two months from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

The Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of. No order as to costs.

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V.ESWARAIAH,J

Date: 17-08-2004.

Shr/stp

Asst. Registrar.

To

The Depot Manager, APSRTC., Bheemgal Depot, Nizamabad.